

SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Class Title: **PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

Jurisdictional Class: **Competitive**
Date Adopted: **unknown**
Date Revised: **3/7/01; 12/09/08**
Jurisdictions: **County**
Union Status: **CSEA**
Pay Grade: **18**

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: A Public Health Sanitarian uses the principals of biological and social sciences to detect, evaluate, control and manage environmental factors which impact public health. A Public Health Sanitarian works under general supervision and has a fair degree of latitude and independence in performance of his/her duties, within the bounds of legal requirements and departmental policies. Incumbents perform inspection and investigation of the non-engineering aspects of health control. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Inspects food handling establishments, water supplies, sewage disposal sites, x-ray installations, temporary and permanent residences and farm labor camps;
Conducts pollution and soil percolation studies;
Collects food, water, air, soil and other samples for laboratory examination;
Serves as an environmental health consultant to local jurisdictions and agencies;
May supervise other sanitarians and technicians on particular cases;
May interpret laws, regulations and laboratory reports;
May testify at enforcement proceedings.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES and PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of modern scientific inspection methods and environmental health principles; working knowledge of environmental health law, rules and practices; ability to prepare and deliver effective presentations, secure the interest and cooperation of civic groups and officials, and develop good public relations; initiative, dependability, tact, courtesy and sound judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (A) Must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or university with thirty (30) credit hours in the natural sciences, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, and have satisfactorily completed a public health training course approved by the State Health Department within two (2) years of appointment; **OR**
- (B) May be a public health technician who possesses five (5) years of experience as a public health technician deemed satisfactory by the local commissioner of health or public health director and have satisfactorily completed a public health training course approved by the State Health Department.

NOTE: Part-time employment can be pro-rated to count towards fulltime. Example: six (6) months PT equals three (3) months FT and a higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to a year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

This class requires extensive travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

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